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1. IN RESPONSE TO A PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION, PRIMIN DEN UYL SAID THAT IT IS TOO EARLY TO CONCLUDE THAT A VICTORY BY THE MPLA WOULD NECESSARILY LEAD TO ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOVIET NAVAL BASE IN ANGOLA. GON REMAINS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT FOREIGN MILITARY INTERVENTION.

2. COMMENTING ON A RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENT BY DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION MINISTER PRONK (LABOR) THAT HE WOULD STRONGLY PREFER A MPLA VICTORY, RESULT ON WHICH FUTURE DUTCH DEVELOPMENT AID DEPENDED, UNCLASSIFIED

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DEN UYL NOTED THAT THIS HAD BEEN THE EXPRESSION OF A PERSONAL

PREFERENCE. "THE OPINION OF THE GOVERNMENT IS THAT IN PRINCIPLE THE ISSUE OF AID NEED NOT BE COUPLED TO THE RECOGNITION OF A STATE AND THAT IN A SITUATION OF CIVIL WAR IN A DEVELOPING COUNTRY NO FRESH STRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT AID WILL BE GIVEN".

3. NOTING THAT HIS STATEMENT ON AID ACCORDED WITH POSITION OF FONMIN VAN DER STOEL (LABOR), WHO IN DUTHC GOVERNMENTAL SYSTEM, IS ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEN UYL ALSO POINTED OUT THAT IN VIEW OF THE CONFUSED SITUATION IN ANGOLA, IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO RECOGNIZE ANY OF THE COMPETING PARTIES. THIS POSITION IS ALSO HELD BY FONMIN, BUT NOT SHARED BY A LARGE SEGMENT OF LABOR PARTY (REFTEL).
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